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1922

Millersville Consolidated School
Millersville
Public

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-885

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common MILLERSVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

2. Location

street & number Millersville Road, south side, 800 ft. east of Rt. 3 ☐ not for publication

city, town Millersville ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anne Arundel County Board of Education

street & number Riva Road telephone no.: (301) 647-9020

city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber

street & number Church Circle folio

city, town Annapolis state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The school is situated on a hill south of Millersville Road and faces north. The rectangular plan of the building is varied by two projecting rectangular bays on both side elevations (east and west). The facade is distinguished by a central projecting rectangular bay with a pedimented portico. The entablature is plain: two horizontal panels. The columns supporting the portico appear not to be original. The entrance bay, above double doors with sidelights, is filled with a large multi-paned, three-part window.

The side elevations are filled with banks of large, 6/6 sash windows. The rear elevation has a central entrance of a double door surmounted by a transom. Two 6/6 sash windows flank the doorway and a small door hood protects the entrance. Based on a circa 1923 photograph from the collection of Mrs. Emory L. Wilburn, the rear of the school has been altered with the elimination of several windows. Also, the present door hood replaced a more elaborate pedimented portico.

Based on a cursory examination of the interior, it has remained relatively unaltered.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Millersville Consolidated School was built in 1922 during a program initiated in 1916 by the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to replace and consolidate rural schools. This program, which lasted a decade, consolidated 80 public schools into 54.¹

In 1916 the General Assembly revised the Maryland School Law, giving the counties greater discretionary authority, including funding for the construction of school buildings.² The Millersville School was one of several built in the early 1920's in Anne Arundel County using the shingle style in design. A similar school, the Odenton Elementary School, built in 1921, is no longer standing.³

Footnotes

1. Katharine M. Kibler, "Public Education," in Anne Arundel County, Maryland: A Bicentennial History, ed. James C. Bradford (Annapolis: Anne Arundel County and Annapolis Bicentennial Committee, 1977), p. 118.

2. Margaret Lynne Browne and Patricia M. Vanorny, "Piety, Chastity, and Love of Country: Education in Maryland to 1916," (Annapolis: Maryland State Archives, October 1984), n.p.

3. Catherine L. O'Malley, Odenton: The Town a Railroad Built, (Annapolis & St. Michaels, MD: Jackson Printing, Inc., 19780, p. 66.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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date 1986

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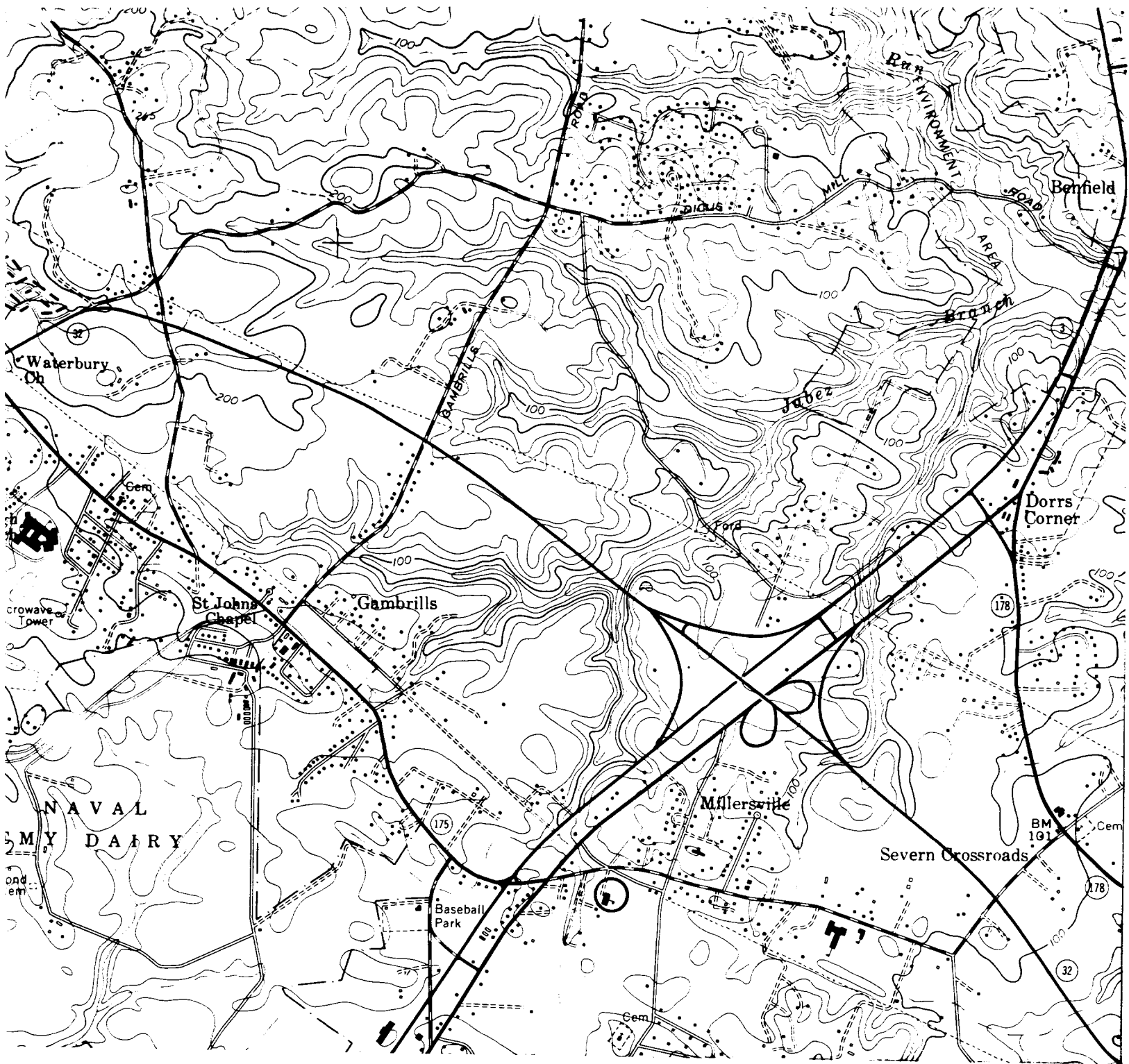
city or town Annapolis

state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Odenton, MD
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale 1:24,000
 1957; Photo revised 1979

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 Millersville Consolidated School
 S. side of Millersville Road,
 800 ft. east of Rt. 3
 Millersville



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Millersville Consolidated School

Anne Arundel County, MD

Photo: Donna Ware

6/84

Facade: N. elev.



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Rear: S. elev.



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Facade: N. elev.



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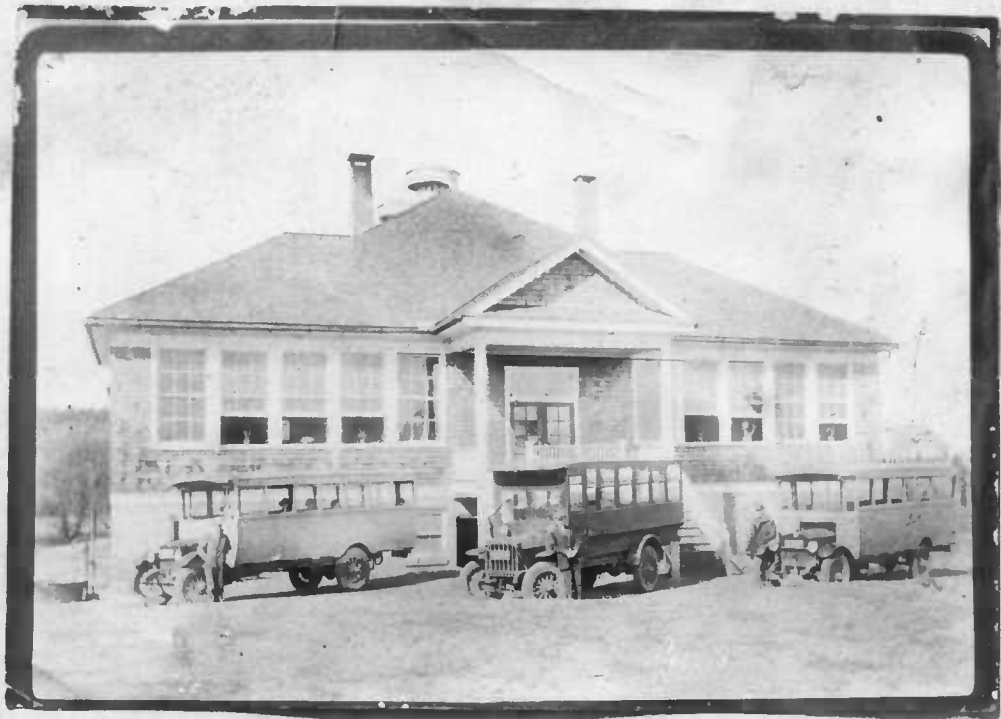
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Side: West elev.



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Photocopy: C. ~~21920~~ - Rear view
of school. Collection of
Mrs. Emory L. Wilburn.